

# Planet Hunting In New Stellar Domains

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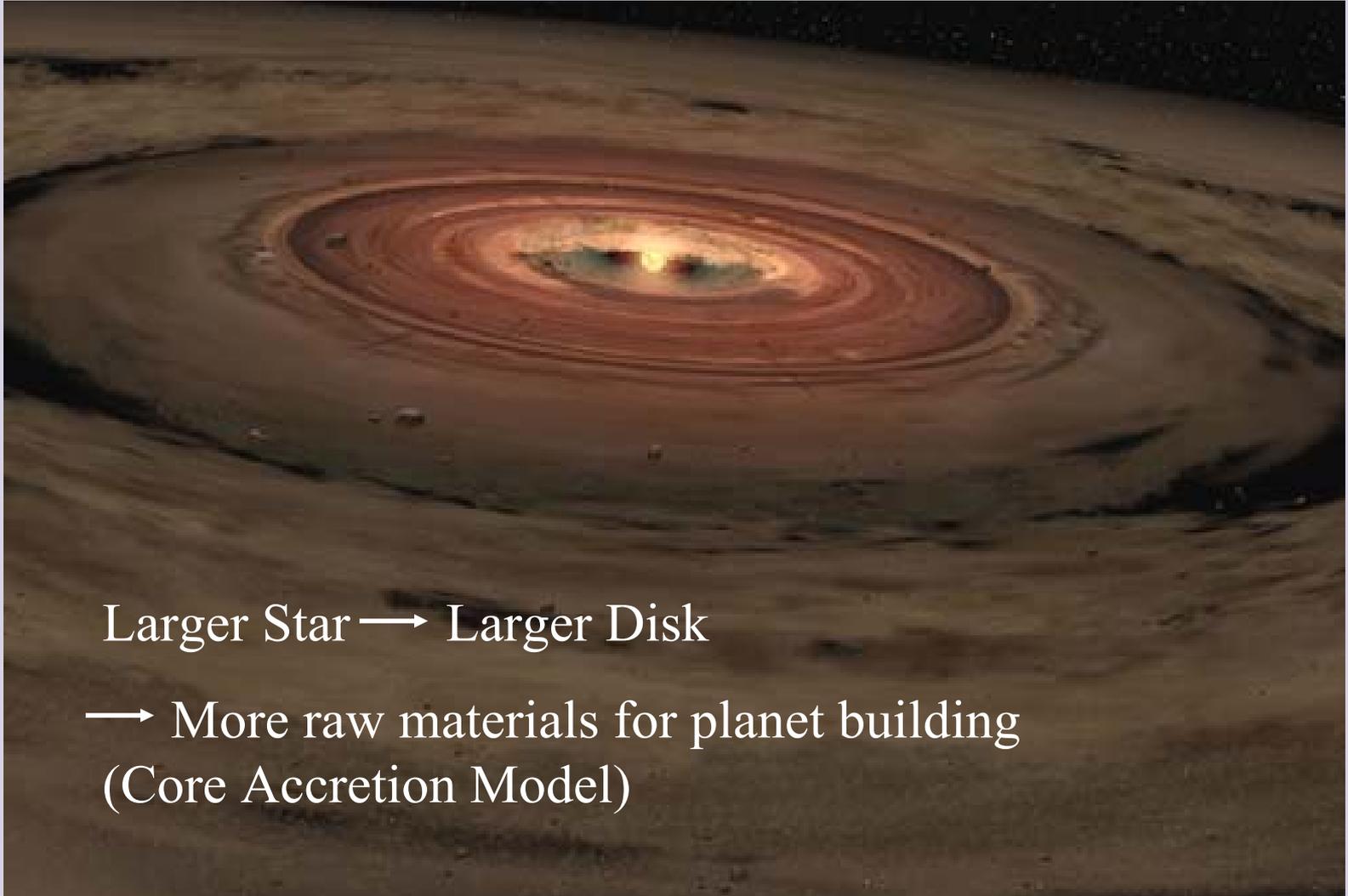
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WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

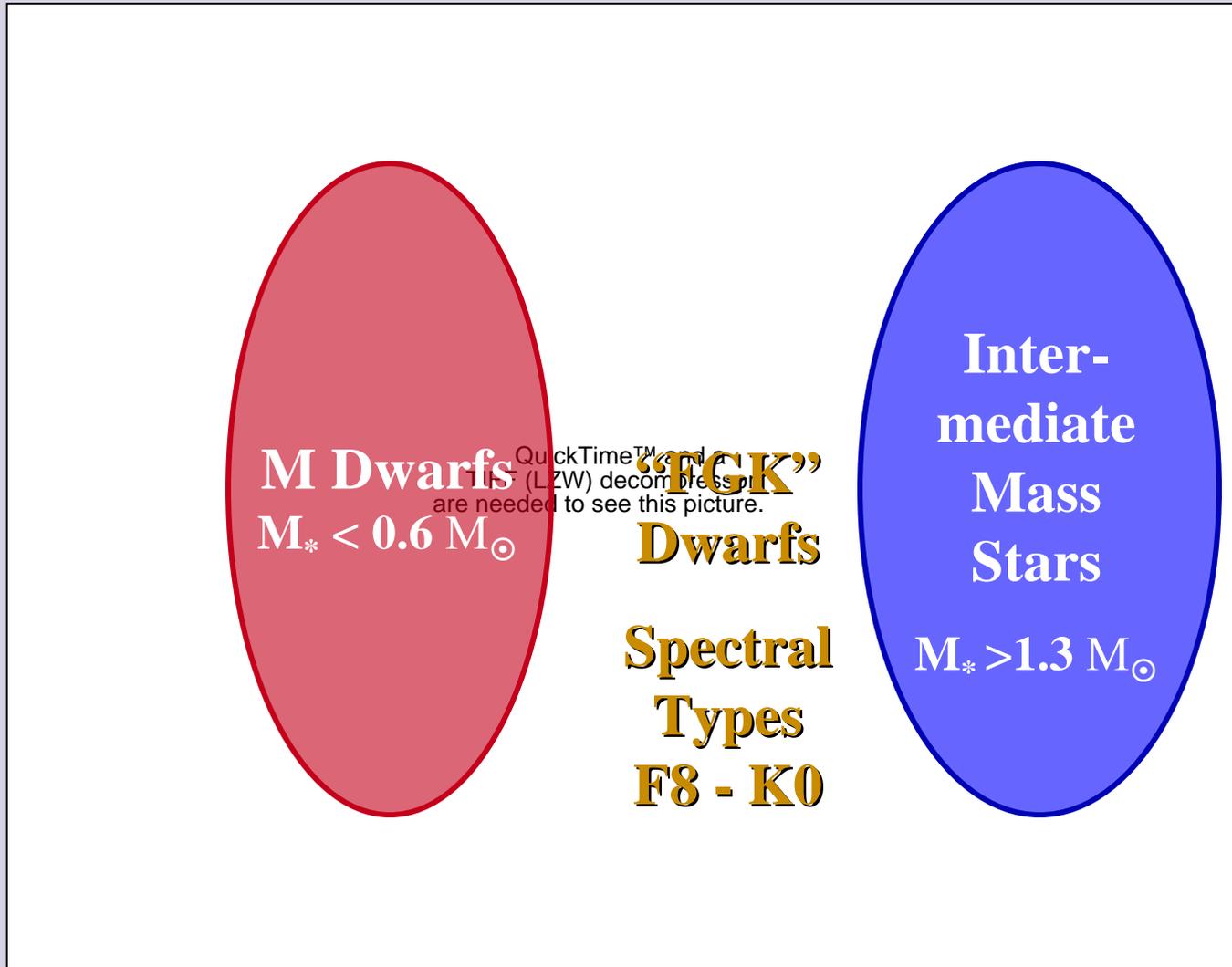
# Why should *stellar* mass matter?



Larger Star → Larger Disk

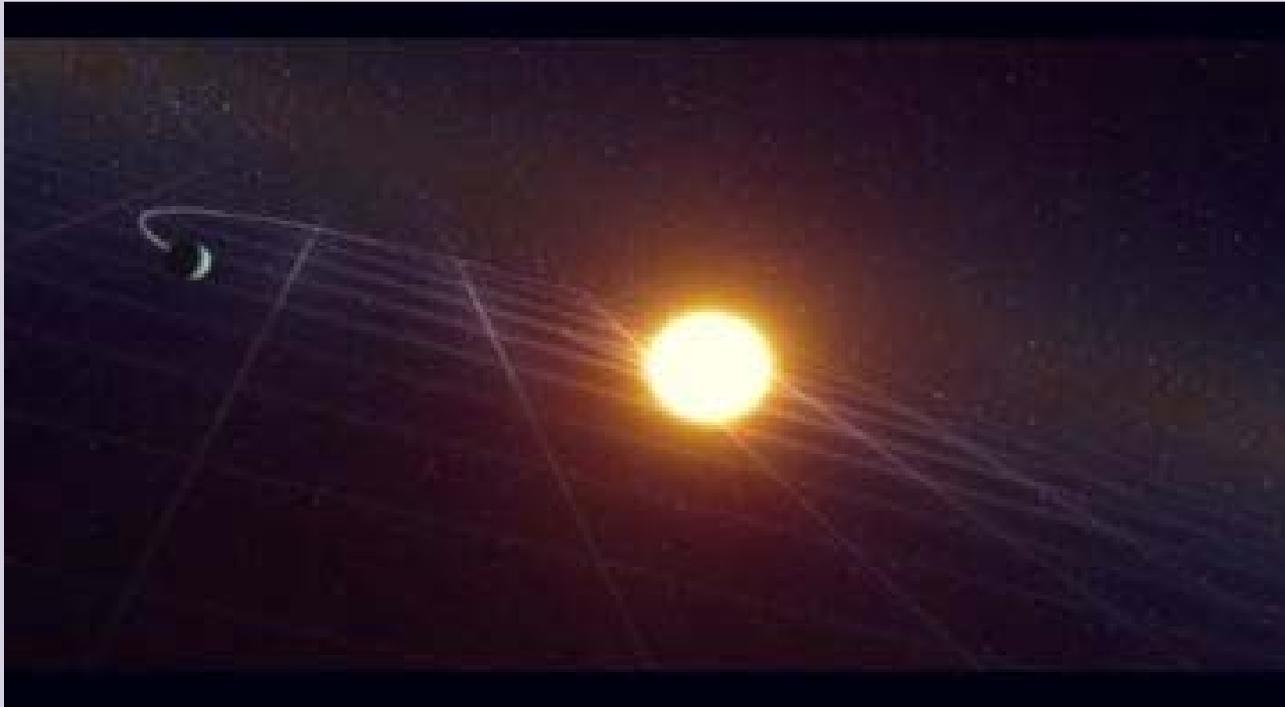
→ More raw materials for planet building  
(Core Accretion Model)

# The Stellar Mass Distribution of Planet Searches





# Doppler Wobble



97% of exoplanets detected by  
Doppler techniques

$$1 \text{ m s}^{-1} \approx 10^{-3} \text{ pixel}$$

# Iodine Cell Method

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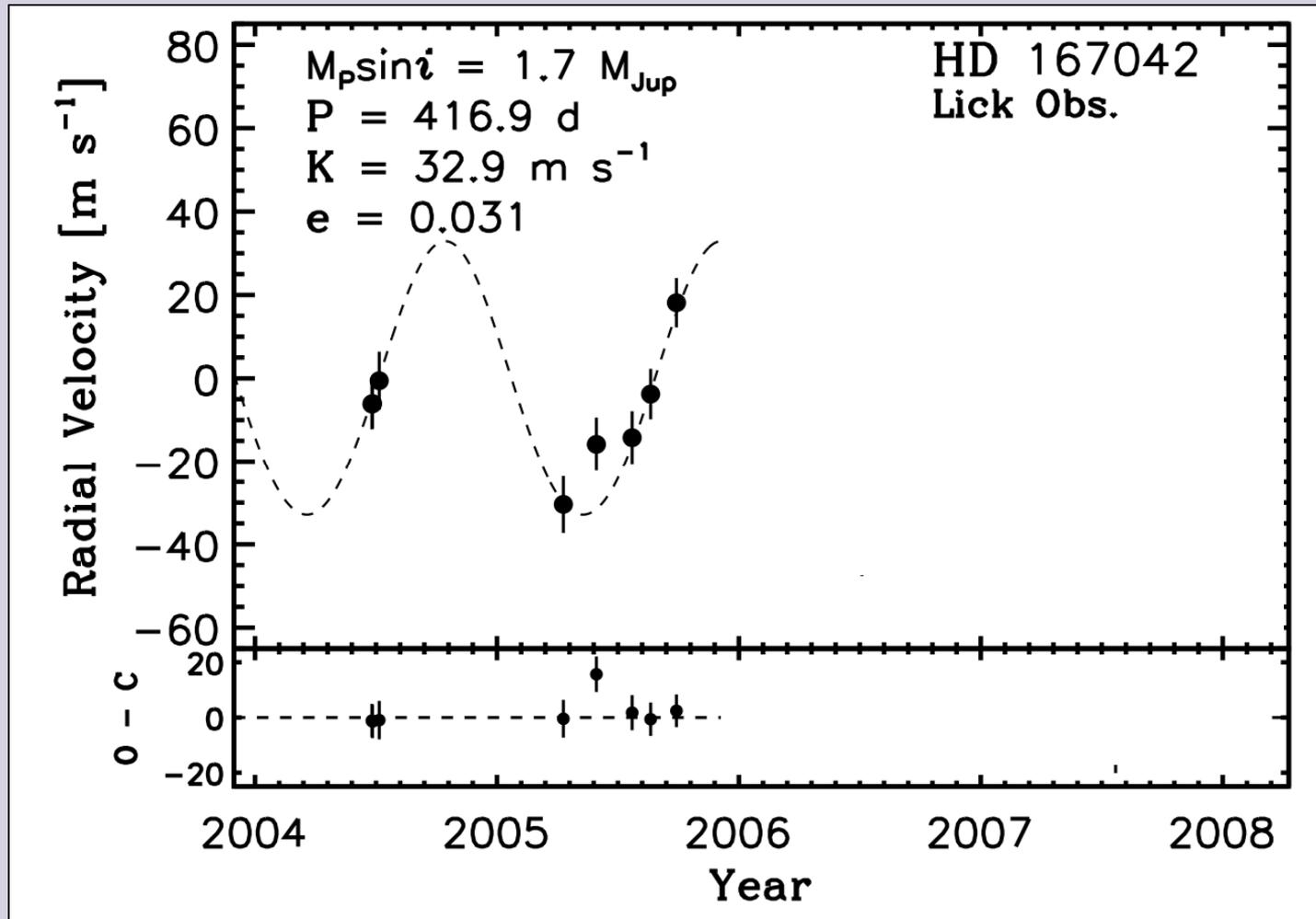
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Butler et al. 1996

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Laurie Hatch

# Precision Radial Velocities

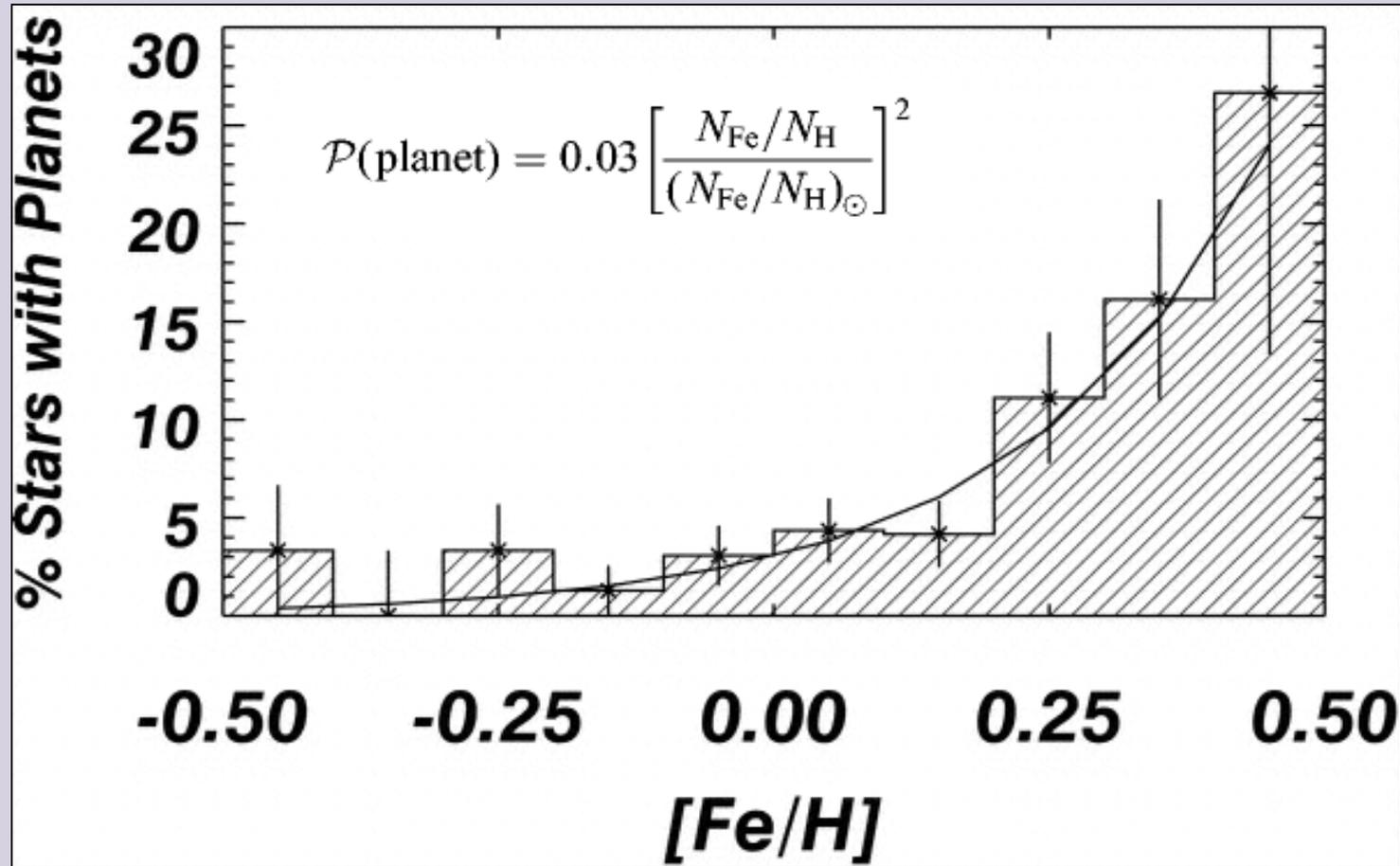
Johnson, Marcy et al. (2007)



# From Anomalies to Statistics

- Catalog of Nearby Exoplanets (Butler et al. 2006)  
225 total known exoplanets ([exoplanets.org](http://exoplanets.org))  
187 host stars within 200 parsecs of the Sun
- Planets are common, found around >7% stars.
- Occurrence rate vs. stellar properties
  - Stellar Mass
  - Chemical Composition

# Stellar Metallicity and Planet Occurrence



Fischer & Valenti (2005)

# Core Accretion Model

Provided there is gas left by this time!

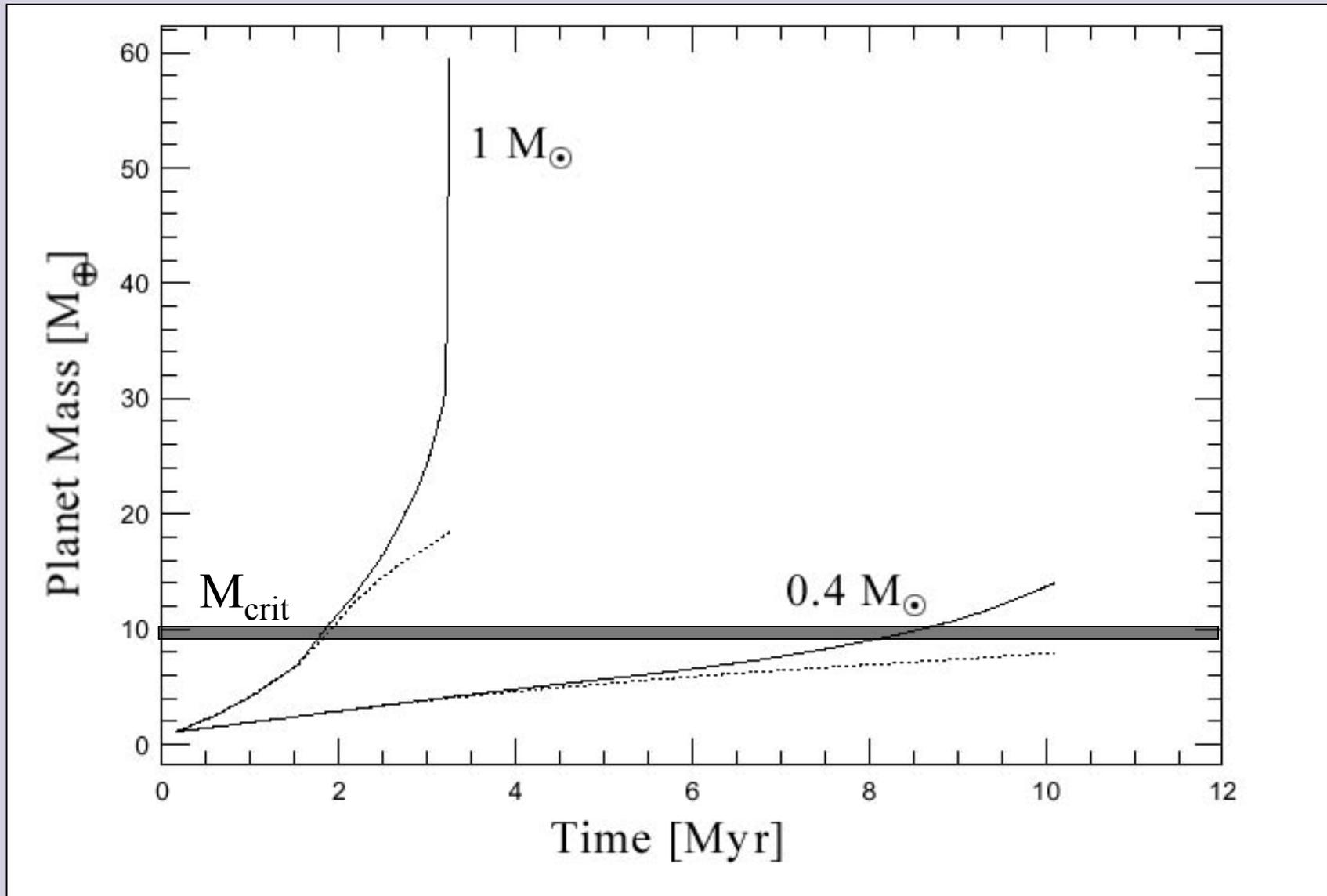
$$M_{\text{crit}} = 10 M_{\oplus}$$

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Higher [Fe/H]  
means more raw  
materials and faster  
growth

[www.oklo.org](http://www.oklo.org)

# Stellar Mass and Planet Formation



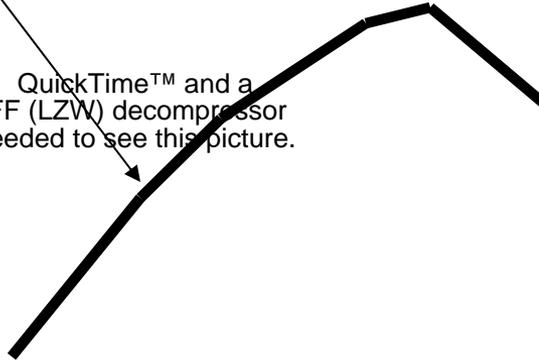
Laughlin, Bodenheimer & Adams (2004)

Kennedy & Kenyon (2007)  
ApJ in press

Effect of disk temperature  
profile on the radial extent  
of core-forming region

“Baseline” Model

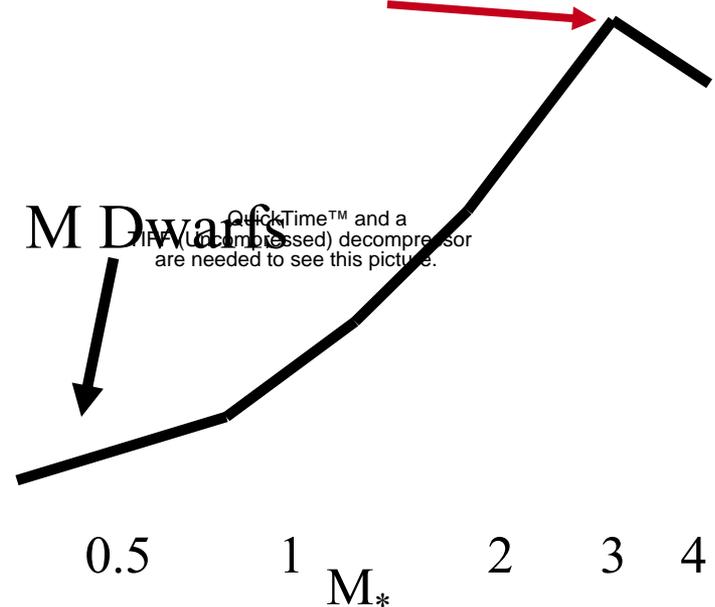
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Planet fraction

Peak near 3  $M_{\text{sun}}$

M Dwarfs  
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# Searching for planets around stars of various masses

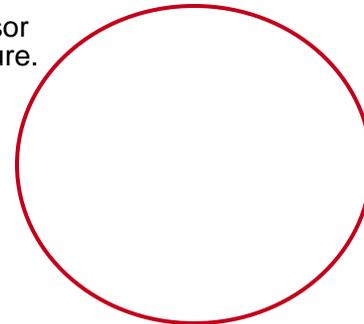
Uniformly Detectable Planets:

$$M_p \geq 0.5 M_{\text{Jup}}$$

# Extending the Search to Lower Stellar Masses



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M dwarfs  $M_* < 0.6 M_{\odot}$

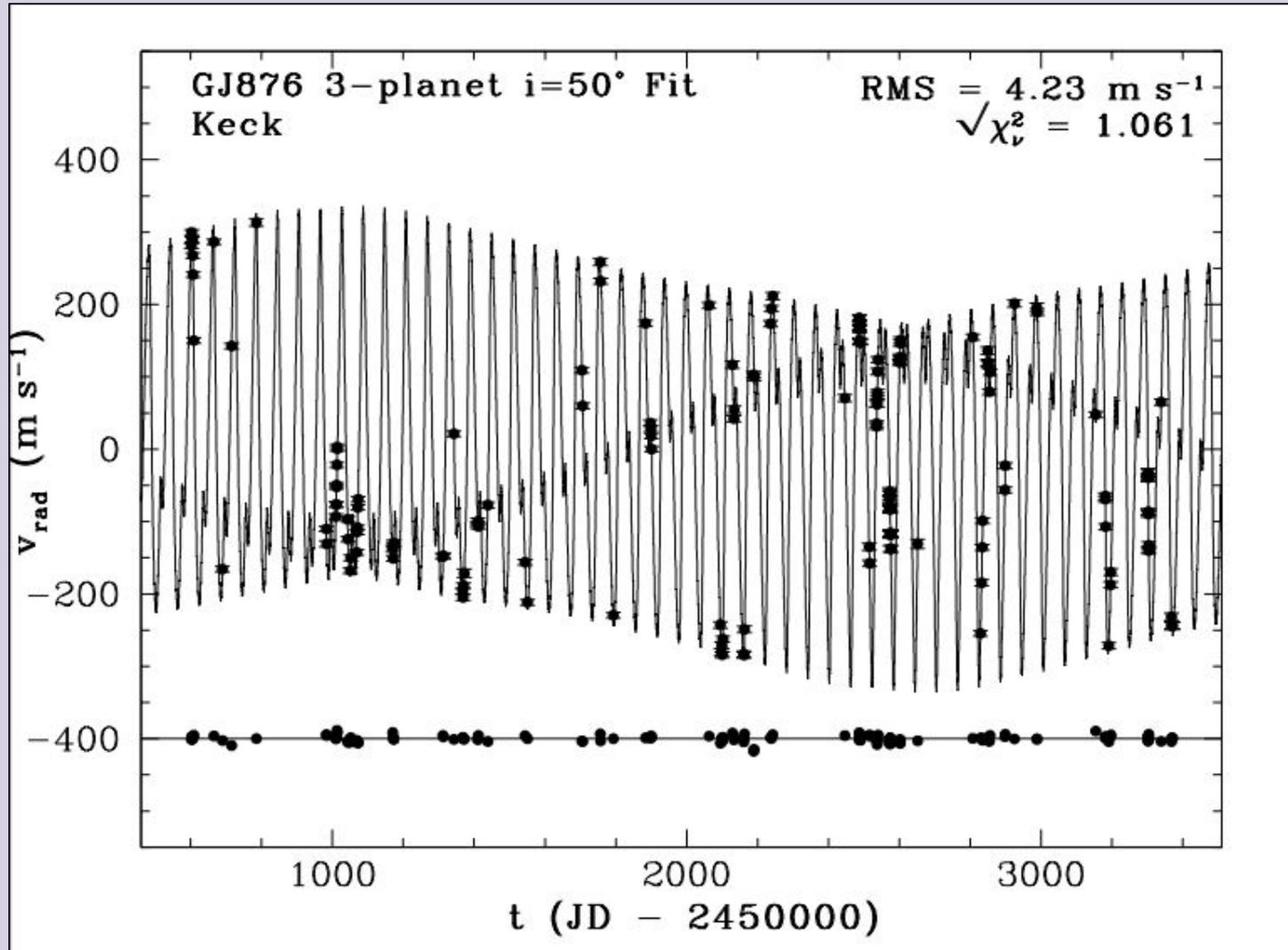
# The NASA Keck M Dwarf Planet Search

- 150 K- and M-dwarfs

$$M_* < 0.7 M_{\odot}$$

- 8 year baseline
- 2 Neptunes (GL 436b, confirmed GL 581b)
- 4 Jupiters around **3** host stars

# The GL 876 System



Rivera et al. 2006

# GL 849

0.86 M<sub>Jup</sub> QuickTime™ and a  
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P = 5.16 yr  
e = 0.04

# GL 317

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# Jupiters Are Less Common Around M Stars

$1.8 \pm 1.2\%$  of M dwarfs have Jupiters  
within 2.5 AU, compared to...

$5.6 \pm 1.6\%$  of FGK dwarfs (Keck only)

Is this due to lower stellar mass, or  
some other variable such as metallicity?

# Metallicity Bias Among M Dwarfs?

## **Standard Argument:**

- Spectroscopic [Fe/H] unknown for M dwarfs
- M Dwarfs have lifetimes longer than the age of the Galaxy
- Old stars are metal-poor
- Our M Dwarfs must be systematically metal-poor, which explains the lack of planets

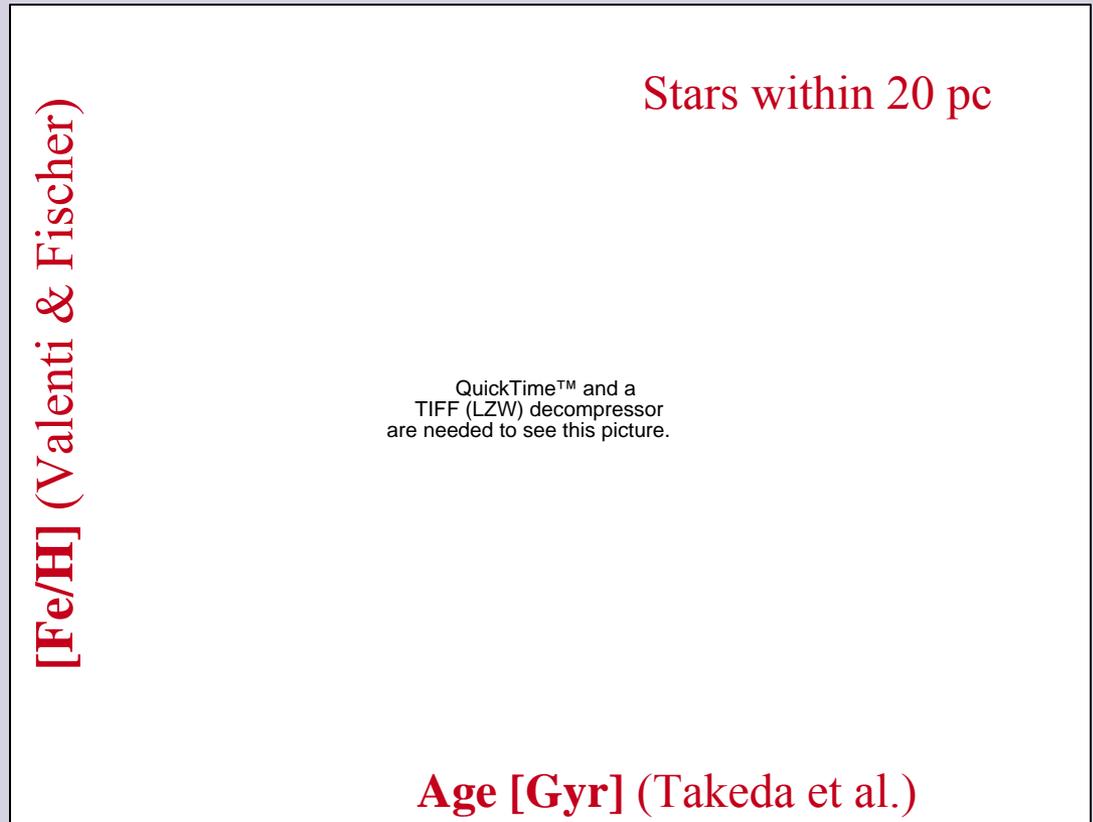
# Metallicity Bias Among M Dwarfs?

- There is no well defined age-metallicity relationship in the Galactic Disk

Nordstrom et al. 2004

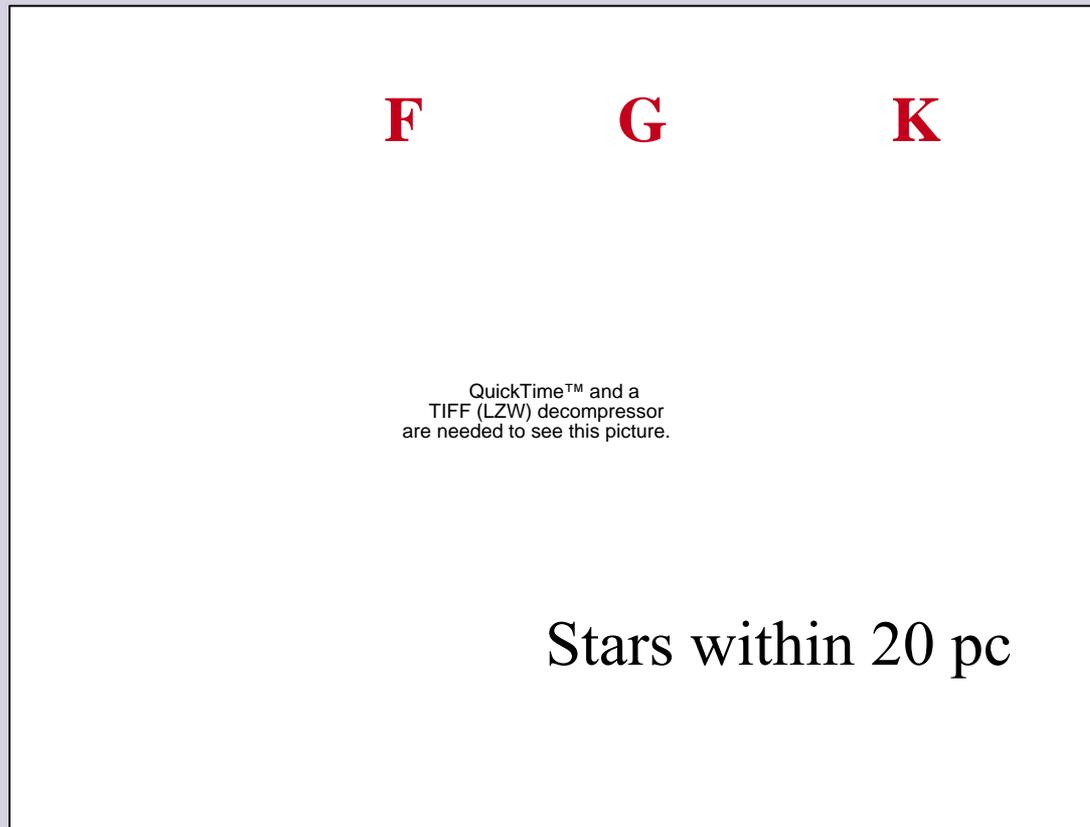
Nordstrom et al. 2007

Takeda et al. 2007



# Metallicity Bias Among M Dwarfs?

- No metallicity trend with spectral type



**M** →

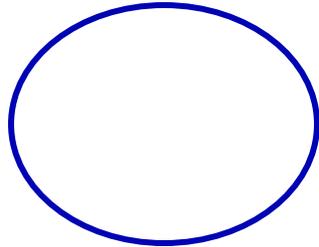
Mean [Fe/H] for  
Solar Neighborhood  
is **-0.06**

# Why so few planets around M Dwarfs?

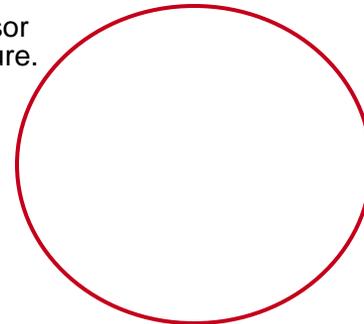
- It's not due to a metallicity bias
- It's likely due to stellar mass
- We can test the mass hypothesis by going to higher stellar masses.

# Extending the Search to Higher Stellar Masses

A/F dwarfs  $M_* > 1.3 M_{\odot}$



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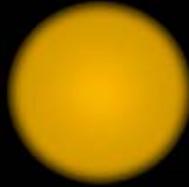
M dwarfs  $M_* < 0.6 M_{\odot}$

# Problem: Massive dwarfs are poor Doppler targets

- Fewer spectral lines
- Rotational broadening
  - A and F-type stars are rapid rotators  
( $v \sin i \gg 50 \text{ km/s}$ )
- Large velocity jitter
  - Jitter = excess radial velocity noise
  - Likely due to pulsation, rotational modulation of surface features

Main  
Sequence:

The Sun  
1.0  $M_{\text{sun}}$   
1.0  $R_{\text{sun}}$   
5770 K  
 $V_{\text{sini}} = 2 \text{ km/s}$   
Velocity Precision: 1 m/s



A-type Star  
2.0  $M_{\text{sun}}$   
1.9  $R_{\text{sun}}$   
8200 K  
 $V_{\text{sini}} = 100 \text{ km/s}$   
Velocity Precision:  $\sim 100 \text{ m/s}$



Early-type Stars Are  
Rapid Rotators

A Star:  $V_{\text{sini}} = 70 \text{ km/s}$

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G Star:  $V_{\text{sini}} = 2 \text{ km/s}$

Wavelength (Ang)

Main  
Sequence:

The Sun

1.0  $M_{\text{sun}}$

1.0  $R_{\text{sun}}$

5770 K

$V_{\text{sin}i} = 2 \text{ km/s}$

Velocity Precision: 1 m/s



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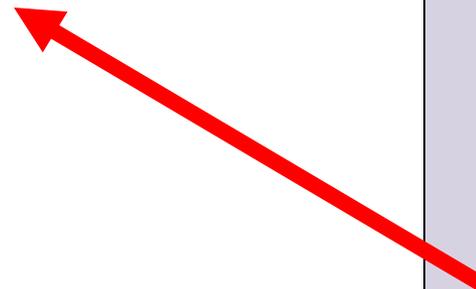
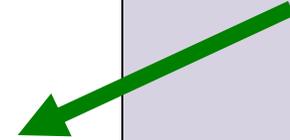
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# Classes of Evolved Stars

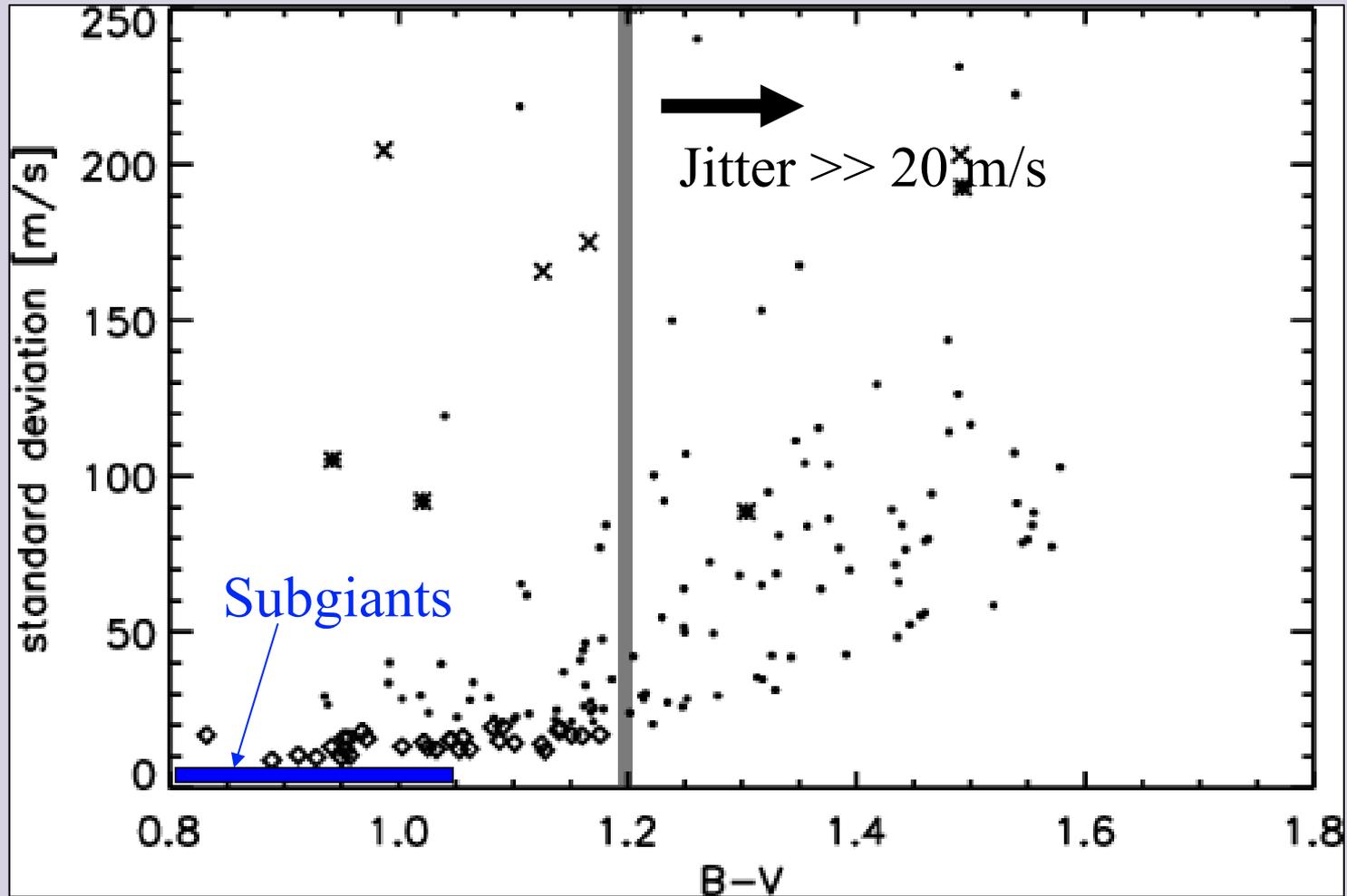


Bright,  
Numerous

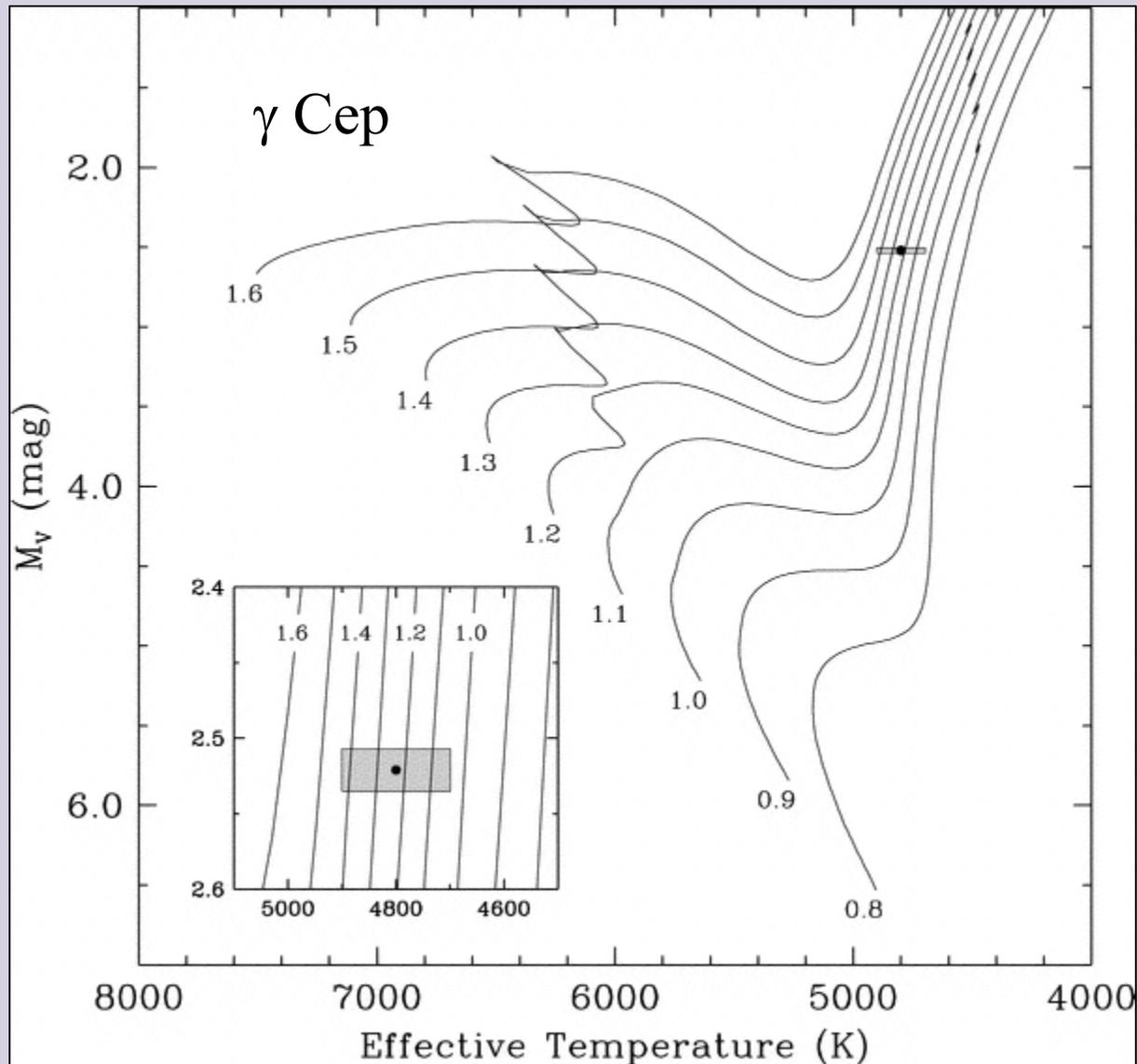


Rare

# Disadvantages of K Giants



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Torres et al. (2007)

# Stellar Radii and Short-Period Planets

20% of known  
exoplanets have  
 $P < 10$  day

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# Subgiants: Ideal Intermediate-Mass Targets

- A and F-type main sequence stars rotate too fast, too few lines
- K giants are slow rotators but jittery
  - Large, fluffy atmospheres
  - Difficult to determine stellar masses
- Subgiants:
  - Widely spaced mass tracks
  - Low jitter ( $\sim 5$  m/s)
  - Small radii, probe hot Jupiters

# Subgiants: My Sample

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159 stars at Lick and  
Keck Observatories

119 Subgiants  $M_V > 2.0$

40 Giants  $M_V < 2.0$

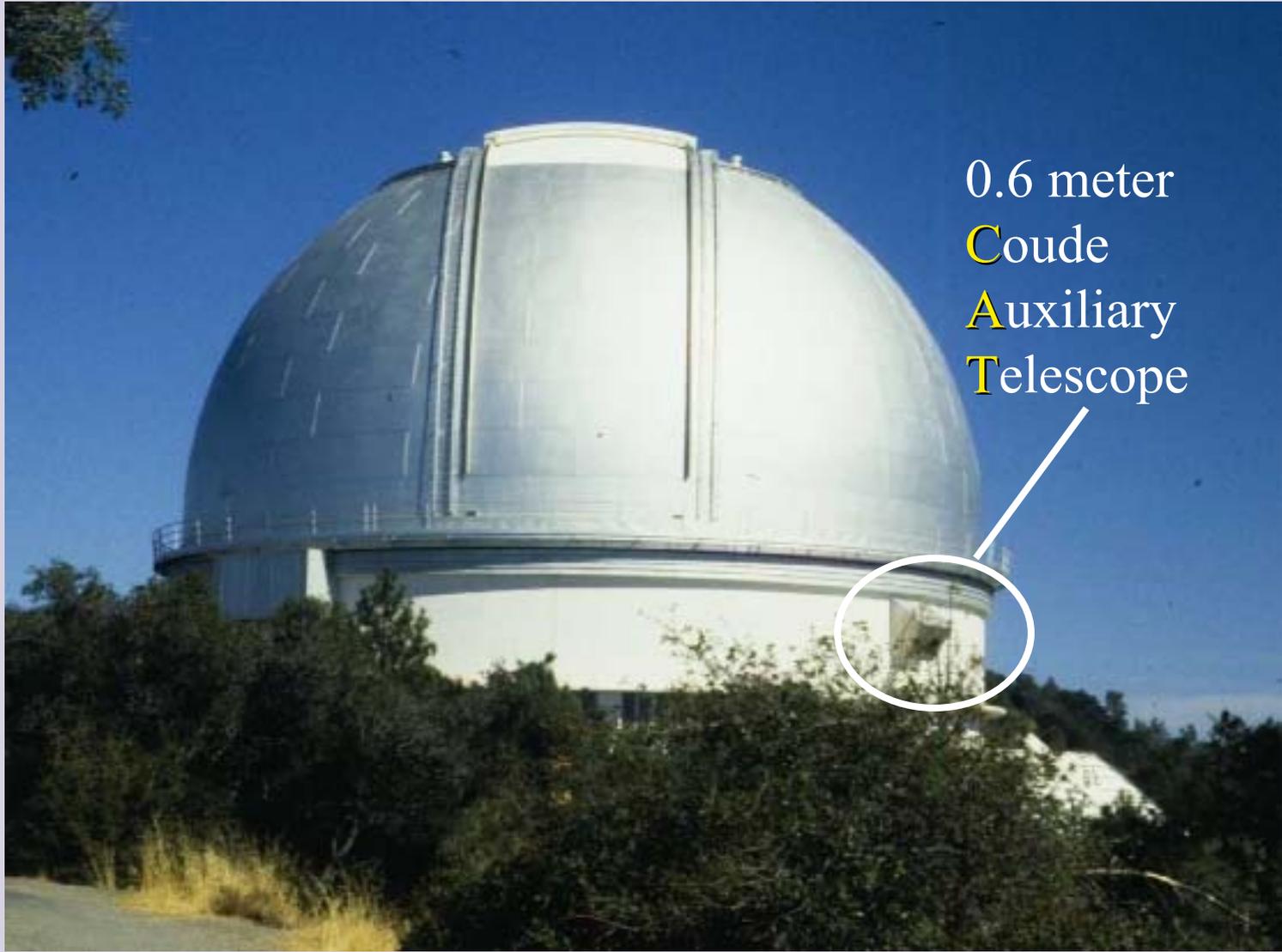
$1.1 < M_* < 2.0 M_\odot$



# Mass Distributions

## “Normalized” Histograms

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0.6 meter  
Coude  
Auxiliary  
Telescope



# Results From The Subgiants Planet Search

Planets Orbiting Massive Stars

# An Eccentric Hot Jupiter

$$M_* = 1.3 M_{\odot}$$

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# An Eccentric Hot Jupiter

HD 118203  
Brown dwarf



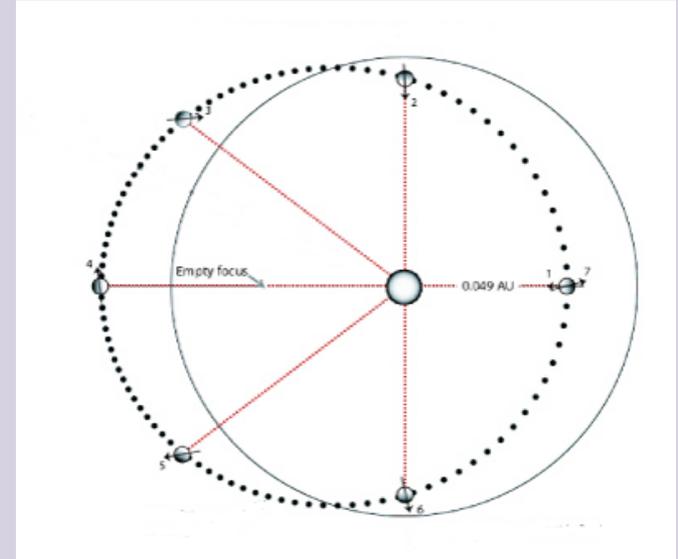
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HD 161020↑  
Multi-planet



# The Wild Seasonal Variations of HD 185269

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The **345%** variation in stellar irradiation during the 6.8 day “year” cause dramatic seasonal variability

Courtesy of Jonathan Langton, Greg Laughlin  
and [www.oklo.org](http://www.oklo.org)

HD 192699:  $M_* = 1.68 M_{\odot}$

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Johnson, Fischer et al. (2007)



HD 175541:  $M_* = 1.65 M_{\odot}$

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Johnson, Fischer et al. (2007)

HD 210702:  $M_* = 1.85 M_{\odot}$

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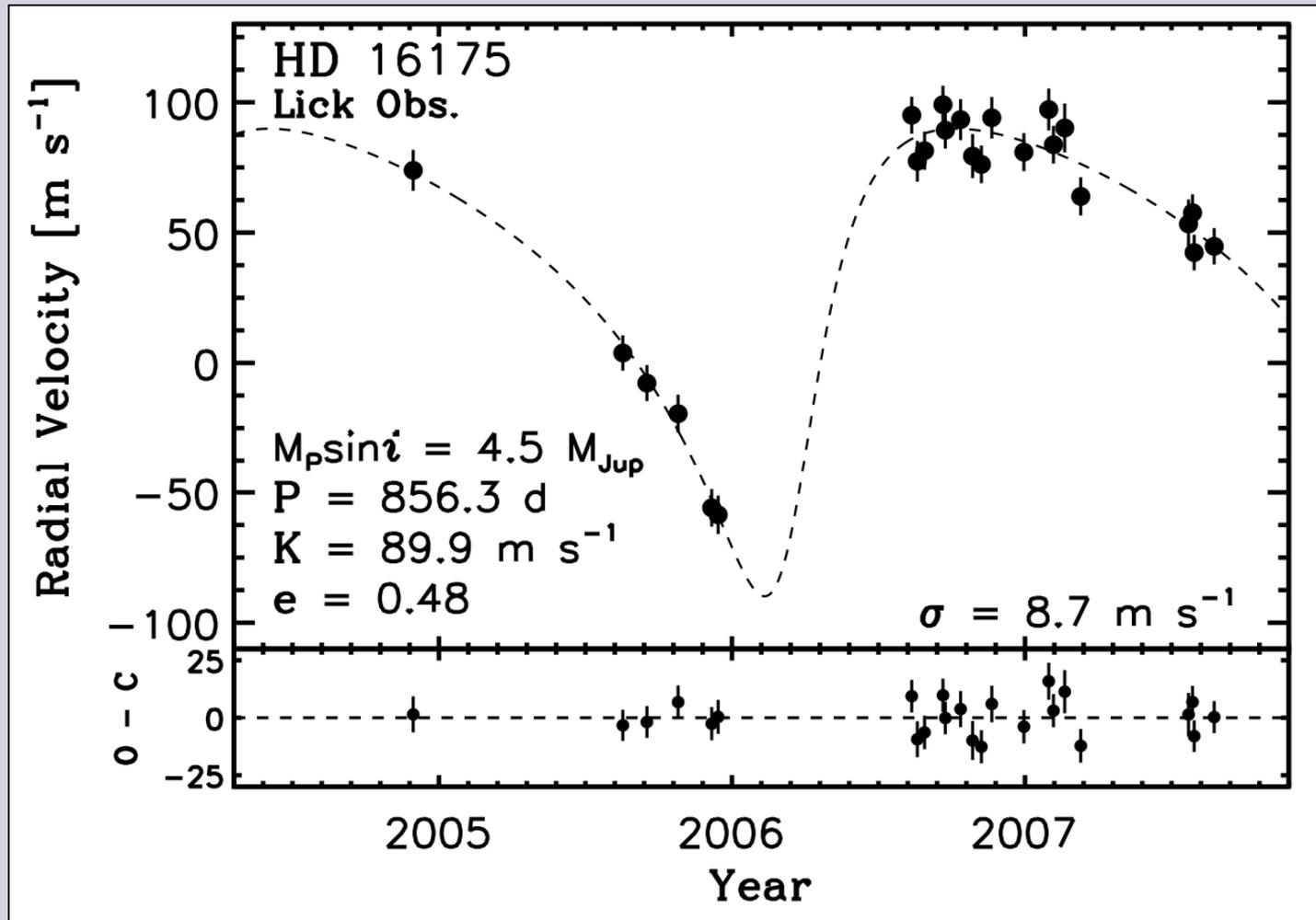
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# Retired A-Stars and Their Planets

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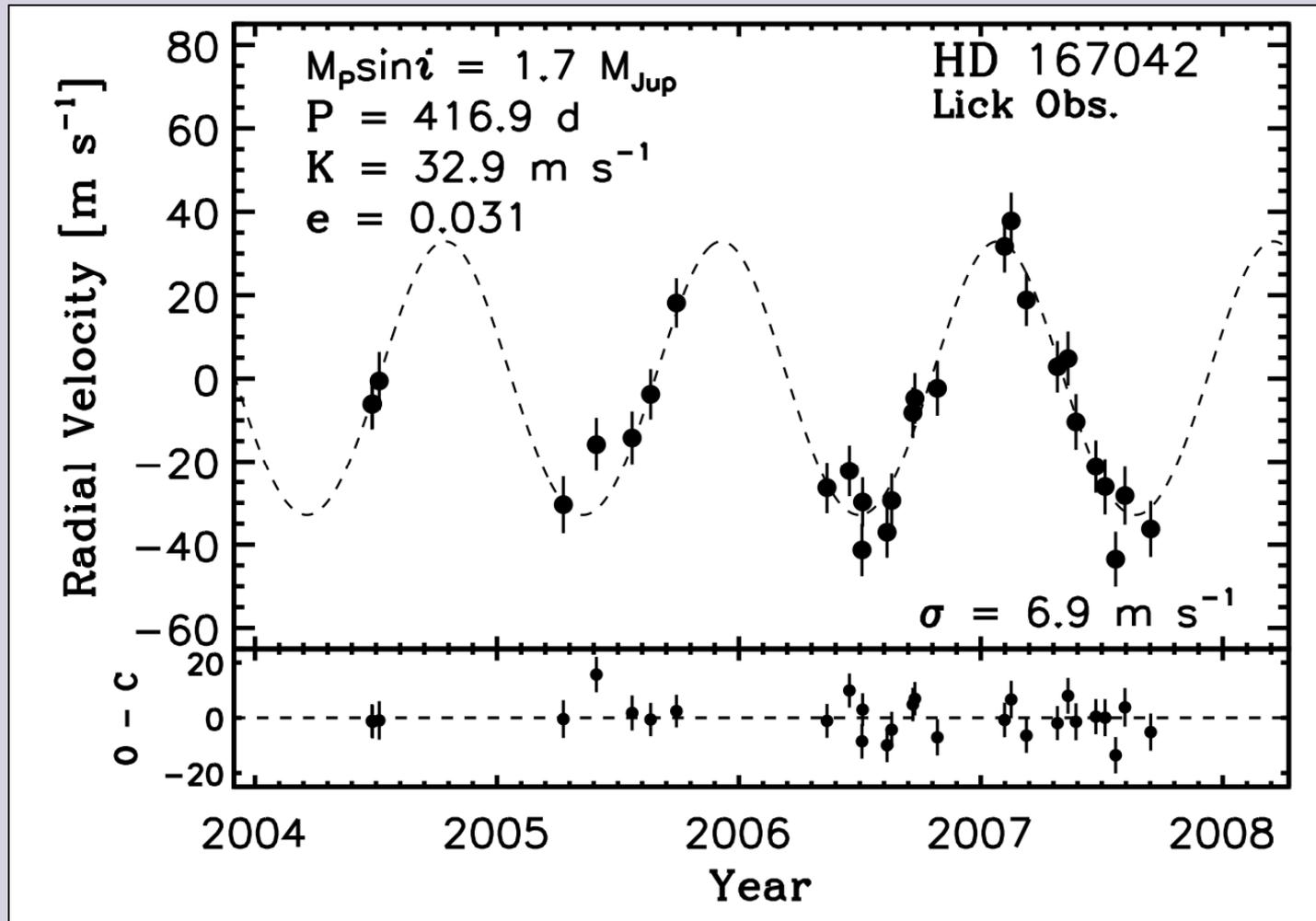
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# HD 16175: $M_* = 1.38 M_{\odot}$



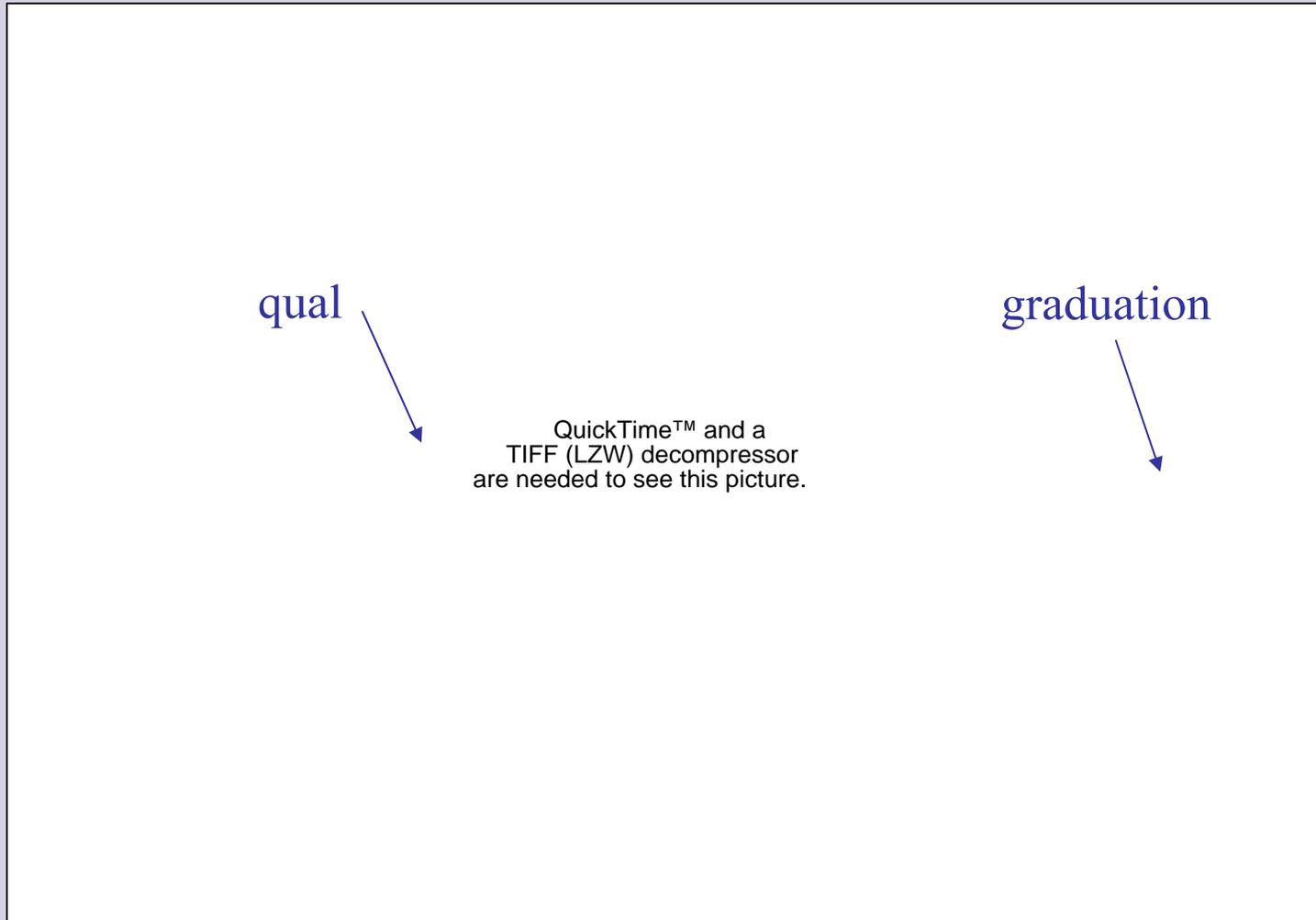
Johnson, Marcy et al. (2007)

# HD 167042: $M_* = 1.65 M_\odot$



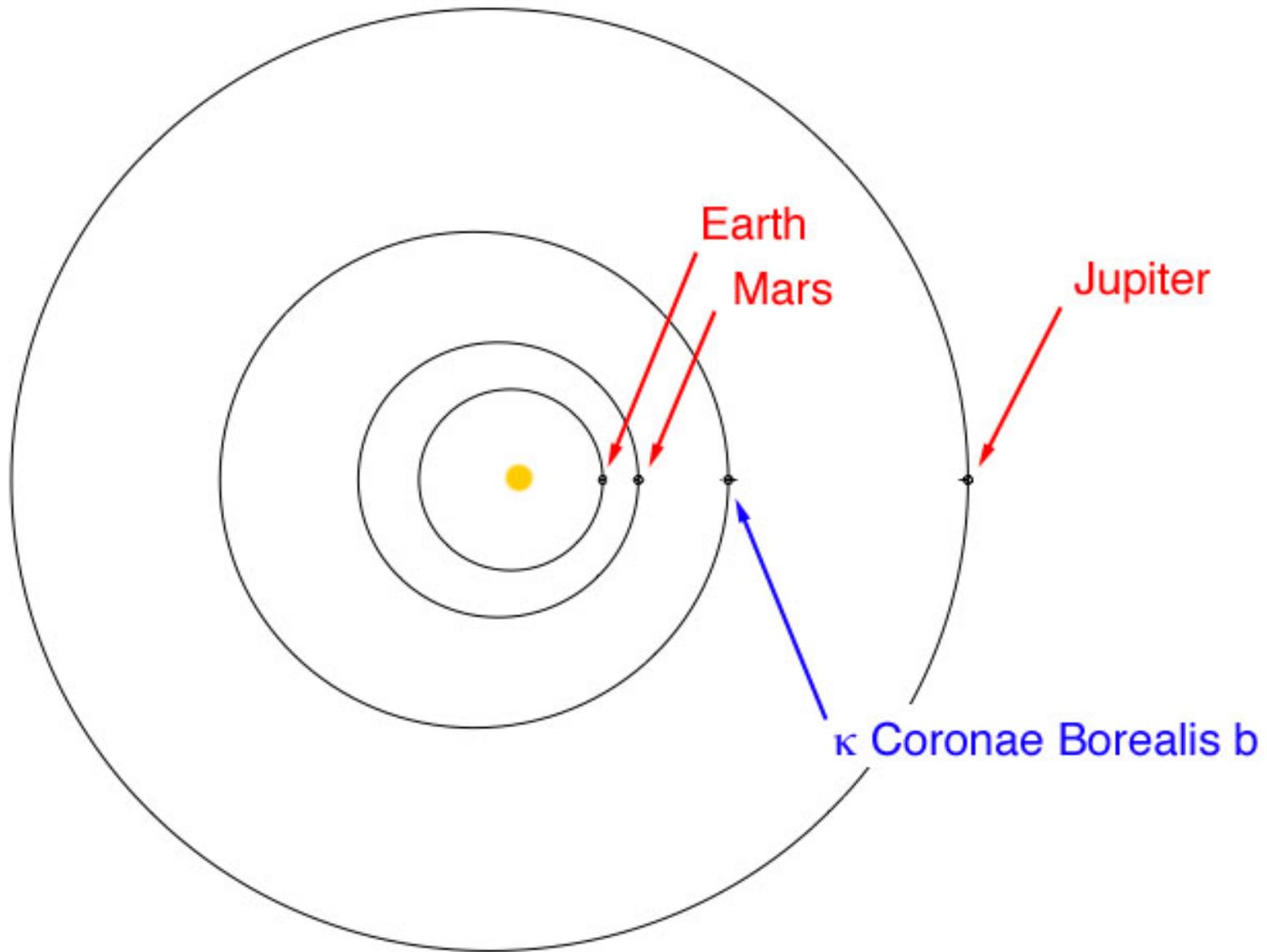
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# $\kappa$ Corona Borealis: $M_* = 1.80 M_{\odot}$



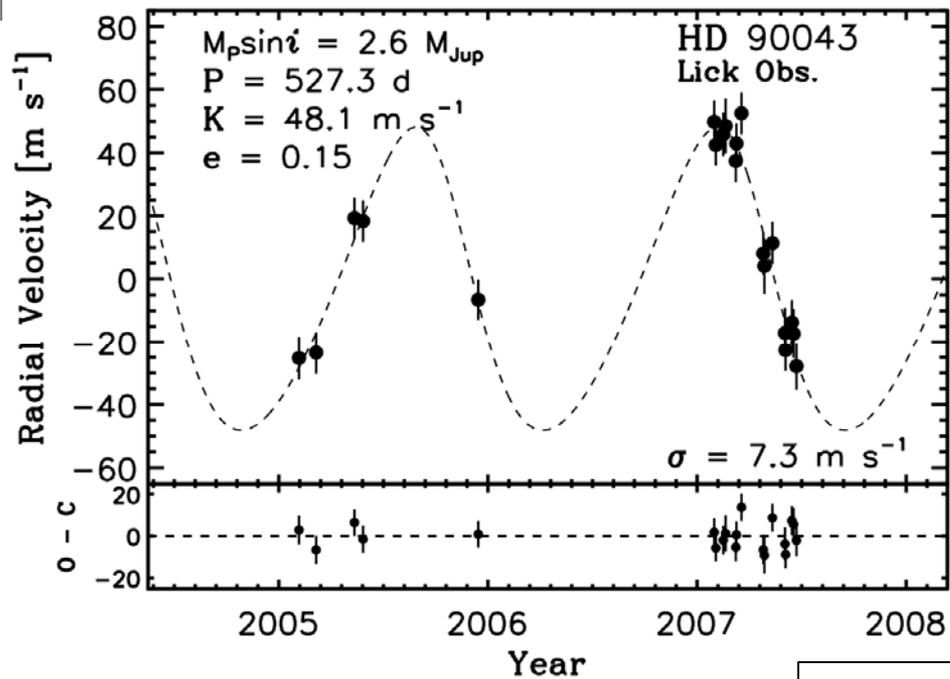
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# Comparison of the orbits of the Solar System Planets to the orbit of $\kappa$ CrB b



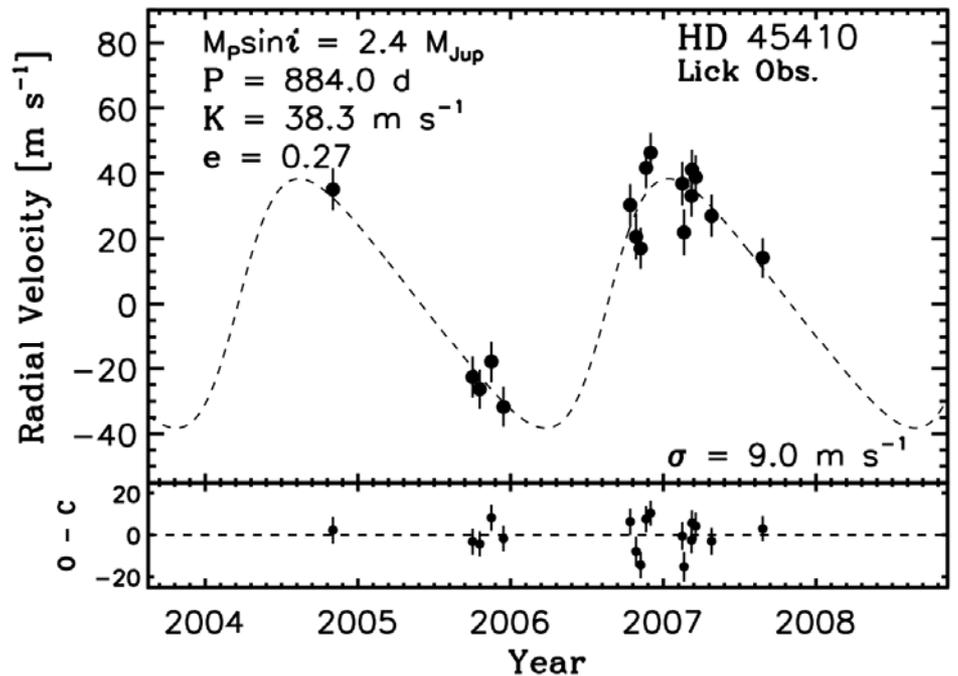
# Additional Planet Candidates

Follow-Up Observations Needed



24 Sextans:  
 $M_* = 1.8 M_{\odot}$

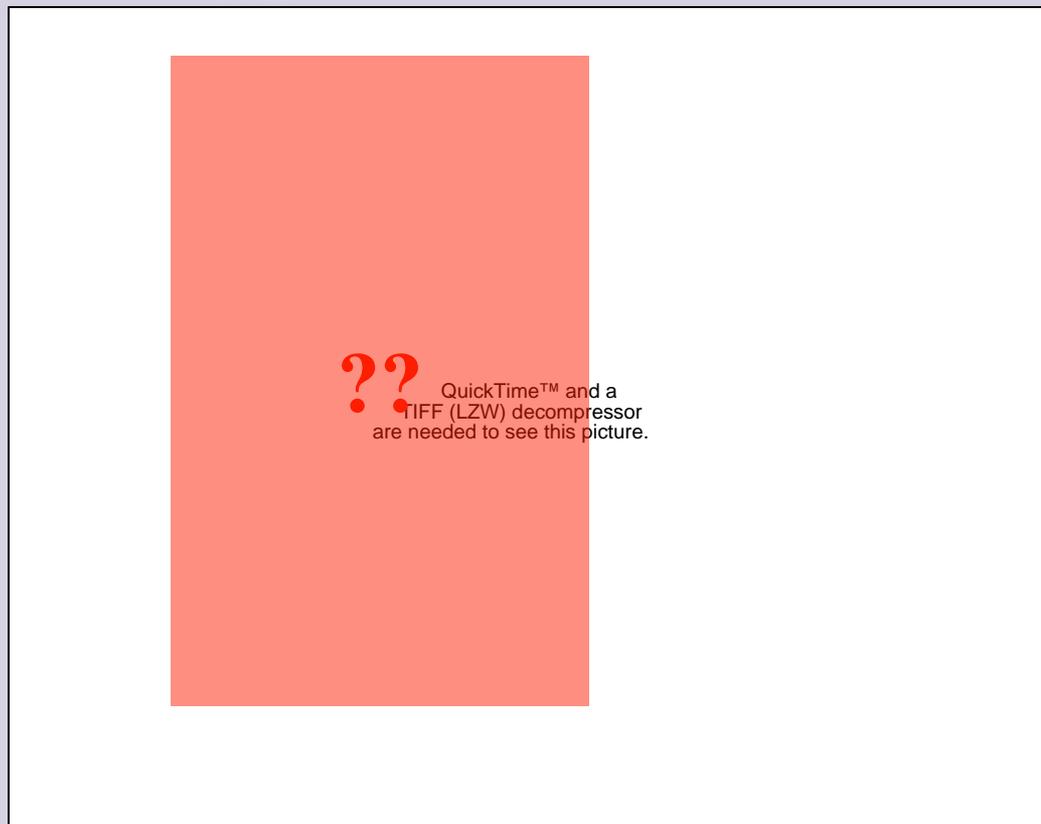
6 Lynx:  
 $M_* = 1.9 M_{\odot}$



# Distribution of Semimajor Axes

- Combine with K giants and clump giants
- 13 out of 13 planets around stars with

$M_* > 1.5 M_{\text{sun}}$  orbit beyond 0.8 AU!



# Stellar Radii and Short-Period Planets

Subgiants have  
relatively small  
radii

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# Evaluating Planet Occurrence as a Function of Stellar Mass

- Planets with  $a < 2.5 \text{ AU}$ ,  $m_p \sin i > 0.8 M_{\text{jup}}$ ,  
 $N_{\text{obs}} > 8$
- Compare w/ CCPS sample of M dwarfs and  
Sun-like stars

# Planet Occurrence Rate

For  $a < 2.5 \text{ AU}$ ,  $m_p \sin i > 0.8 M_{\text{Jup}}$ ,  $N_{\text{obs}} > 8$

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# An Expanded Subgiants Planet Search

- 320 additional stars at Keck and Lick Observatory
  - Decrease error bars by  $\sim 2$
- Higher precision of Keck/HIRES
- Targets in “sweet spot” of H-R diagram
  - High Mass
  - Low  $V_{\text{rot}} \sin i$
  - Low jitter
- Catalog of Spectroscopic Properties for 450 Subgiants

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# Metallicities of Subgiants

All stars:

$$\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = 0.0$$

Stars w/ Planets:

$$\langle [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \rangle = 0.0$$

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# Conclusions

- Subgiants are ideal proxies of A and F stars
  - Mass of an A dwarf, precision of a G dwarf
- Semimajor Axis Distribution at higher masses not consistent with Sun-like stars
  - Relic of Formation/Migration?
  - Higher occurrence rate for  $M_* > 1.3M_{\odot}$
  - Treasure trove of planets around A stars.

